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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Elementary Grade trained teachers possessing a technical teachers' certificate in Weaving of the lower grade are eligible for the scale of pay of Rs. 50—2—90 if they are employed in High Schools.

" Teachers with the above qualifications, if they are appointed as Pre-vocational Instructors in Higher Elementary schools are eligible for the scale of pay of Rs. 30—1—45 under local bodies and Rs. 25—½—30 under private managements. It is not necessary for a Pre-vocational Instructor to possess a higher elementary grade trained teachers' certificat or the minimum general educational qualification."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to remove this disparity in pay? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The disparity is with reference to the work done and I do not think it will be possible to remove it."

Construction of a bridge across the Kuppam ferry, Taliparamba, North Malabar.

* 325 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct a bridge for the Kuppam ferry, Taliparamba firka in North Malabar?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes. The Government have already sanctioned the construction of the bridge work referred to. The question of taking it up for execution will be considered after a final decision has been reached on the alignment to be adopted for the West Coast Road between Baliapatam and Payyannur."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether a contract for the construction of a bridge for the Kuppam ferry at 6/68 on Payyanur-Taliparamba Road was given to Messrs. Gannon Dunkerley in 1953 and cancelled subsequently and, if so, the reason for the cancellation? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I do not know anything about the giving of the contract for this work to Messrs. Gannon Dunkerley. But tenders were called for for this work. The Government ordered the Chief Engineer to suspend the work, because the Government of India have to take a decision as to whether the national highway should go through Baliapatam-Payyanur or via Taliparamba. If it is decided that the highway should be via Taliparamba, this Government will get from the Centre fifty per cent of the cost of the bridge."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Information on so many facts has to be elicited and so many facts have to be submitted to the Hon. Minister. I feel strongly that this is such an important subject as to deserve a half-hour debate. Unfortunately, the Demand relating to Public Works is not coming up for discussion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How is it possible for the hon. Member to say so soon that we will not discuss the Public Works Demand? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" According to the agreement that we have reached, this Demand will not come up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall consider that afterwards."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member is feeling unnecessarily anxious about the matter. It is very likely that his point of view will succeed with the Central Government who have to decide the issue. I can assure him that due consideration will be given to all the representations that have been made. He need not feel unnecessarily anxious and demand a half-hour debate."

Implementation of the award concerning Renaissance Press, Madras.

* 326 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Renaissance Press, Madras, did not pay the arrears of wages amounting to Rs. 2,500 to the workers of the said press in spite of the award given by the Commissioner of Labour to that effect on 21st February 1951; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to enforce the award?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is true that the Authority under section 15 of the Payment of Wages Act passed awards in May and August 1952 directing the Managing Director of the Renaissance Printers, Ltd., Madras to pay certain workers arrears of wages due to them amounting to about Rs. 2,560. In December 1952, the employer reported to the Commissioner that all the amounts had been paid to the employees. But subsequently three of the workers were reported to have appeared before the Commissioner and stated that a sum of Rs. 782–4–0 was still due to them. The Chief Presidency Magistrate was therefore addressed by the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation on 9th December 1953 to recover the amount due to the three workers. The matter is pending with the Third Presidency Magistrate."